

Member Update

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TOPIC: Amendment to Trading Standards for 2020/21

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1. Issue

The 2020/21 Trading Standards were released to industry on 1 August 2020. After the release it has been discovered an amendment to a Definition in the 2020/21 Trading Standards is required.

2. Background

GTA Member Update No.17 of 20 provided to industry the 2020/21 season Trading [Standards](#).

That document as released listed:

- Changes to Standards for implementation in 2020/21;
- Issues for Future Review & Agreed/Proposed Changes in 2021/22.

3. Amendment: Stick/Stubble – all cereal commodities

The required amendment to the 2020/21 Trading Standards relates to a recent agreed change – the definition of **Stick/Stubble – all cereal commodities**.

In order to simplify the assessment process, changes were made in the 2020/21 Standards with the inclusion of the following wording:

- Stick/Stubble have the same definition, being “Stick/Stubble is defined as ligneous material or crop stubble with dimensions of greater than 3cm in length and/or 1cm in diameter”.

Subsequent to the release of the 2020/21 Trading Standards it became apparent the statement was inappropriately worded.

The intent was for Stick/Stubble to be classified as **Objectionable Material when in excess of 3cm in length and greater than 1cm in width**. The wording as included in the 2020/21 Trading Standards implies all Stick/Stubble greater than 3cm in length, irrespective of the width is Objectionable Material.

The amended wording for Stick/Stubble to be applied to the 2020/21 Standards for all cereals, as of this release date removes the ‘/or’ and becomes:

3.1 For all Cereal Commodities:

- Stick/Stubble have the same definition, being “Stick/Stubble is defined as ligneous material or crop stubble with dimensions of greater than 3cm in length and ~~or~~ 1cm in diameter”.
- Stick/Stubble over those revised dimensions (i.e., greater than 3cm in length and ~~or~~ 1cm in diameter) should remain as Objectionable Material (nil tolerance).

3.3.2 For Wheat, Oats, Cereal Rye and Triticale:

- Stick/Stubble within those dimensions (i.e., less than 3cm in length and ~~or~~ 1cm in diameter), are to be classified as:
 - Screenings – where Stick/Stubble fall below the screen
 - Unmillable material above the screen – where Stick/Stubble remain above the screen

3.3.3 For Barley, Sorghum and Maize:

- Stick/Stubble within those dimensions (i.e., less than 3cm in length and ~~or~~ 1cm in diameter), are to be classified as:
 - Screenings – where Stick/Stubble fall below the screen
 - Foreign Material – where Stick/Stubble remain above the screen

Definitions, tolerances and all wording in all areas of the Standards, including the Standards database have been altered to reflect those changes. The revised Standards booklets and Industry Explanatory paper are now available on the [GTA website](#).